GRANTEE:	**Community Preservation and Development Corporation**
ADDRESS:	**601 Edgewood Street, NE, Suite 25 Washington, DC 20017**
AMOUNT:	**$2,594, 488**
DURATION:	**24 months**

POPULATION SERVED: The program will expand the existing Career Enhancement Program, providing entry as well as high-level IT Skills training to 571 low-income and disadvantaged residents of Washington, DC, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia. The program will target women, individuals with learning disabilities and individuals ages 55 or older.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The program will train 127 marginally employed individuals, but will focus most resources on training 444 unemployed residents for career-oriented IT positions now held by H1-B Visa holders. The program will target those jobs with most critical skill shortages, including: Network Specialists, Database Administrators, Web Design Specialists and Computer Support Specialists.

KEY PARTICIPANTS: The Catholic University of America, The George Washington University, Georgetown University, Howard University, Microsoft Corporation, Fannie Mae, Verizon Communications, Washington Gas, Enterprising Staffing Services and others.

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